



St. Michael's Paviljoen selects their Carnival Queens and provides a lovely morning for all.

Music and Carnival madness was all in fun for those that live at the St. Michel's Paviljoen, a government run home for the elderly. The staff had the kind assistance of many local vendors and performers, including the Youth Prince and Pancho of Carnival 53 in giving their inmates a wonderful Carnival celebration of their own.

This included music by Youth X-treme, a very popular local band, and food and beverages provided by Romar Trading, N.V. No Carnival is complete without the election of a Prince and Pancho, and a Carnival Queen. The celebration arranged by Head of the St. Michael's staff, Lisette Soeiro, with the assistance of EPI Stage Welsijn Sharin Tromp did not neglect this vital element, and they made it a Valentine's Day celebration since it took place on Wednesday afternoon. A number of other students from the EPI assisted them in this project, and the St. Michael's staff made a definitive contribution to the merriment.

All was done to make the proceedings as official as possible, with judges such as Ronchi de Cuba, one of Aruba's top fashion designers, and Dufry Manager Lily Does, beauty expert. Always involved with the elderly of Aruba, Dufry shops donated the beautiful prizes awarded to the winners, which included delightful lotions and potions to keep them Carnival Queen lovely.

There were also a Prins and Pancho selected from the elderly, and Prins Hangua, Sr Ras and Pancho Pluma, Brion Maxwell expedited their duties very ably.

There were two Carnival Queen Elections; one for the queen of the clients of St. Michael's, and the other for the S.A.B.A Queen, the organization that staffs the homes for the elderly in Aruba. Candidates strutted their stuff on the stage, garbed in beautiful costumes and showing their Carnival spirit, as is the custom of queen elections.

The grand finale to the Carnival show was the crowning of the queens by one of the judges, Lydia Frank. Amongst the inmates, Marina Sneek was pronounced the winner of the title "Ms. Popular", Greta Geerman was awarded "Best Smile", Melanie Fransisca "Ms. Amistad", and a thrilled Helena Tromp was crowned "Reina Carnival" of St Michael's for 2007. Aside from her lovely gift from Durfry, she also received a bag of Avon beauty products courtesy of Aruba Trading Company.

The spirited competition for the SABA Queen included not only the antics of the candidates on the stage, but their fans from the various departments where they worked. The results were "Ms. Popular" Nivia Wernet; "Ms. Smile" Ciria Bosnie; "Ms. Jolly" Jane Erasmus; "Ms. Amistad" Elda Flanegin, and finally Glenda Donata-Rosenberg declared the S.A.B.A.Reina Carnival with Maria Cores as Runner-up.

The audience approved heartily of the judges' choices, and all the candidates looked beautiful in their carnival costumes!